

Troops March On White House In Support Of Ron Paul

Ron Paul is the choice of the troops for president in 2012

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Marking President's day today, February 20th, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of active duty troops and veterans will descend on Washington DC and the White House to show support for Ron Paul's 2012 presidential campaign.

Organized by the group, [Veterans for Ron Paul 2012](#), the march will see military personnel march from the Washington Monument to the White House in an effort to generate media coverage of Paul's ongoing campaign, and highlight the fact that **Paul has received more donations from active duty military than all other GOP candidates combined**, as well as Obama.

Veterans and active troops intend to coalesce at the Washington monument at noon, with scheduled



speakers filling a two-hour slot. The group will then march as close to the White House as they can get, before saluting a folded American flag for as many seconds as the number of soldiers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan during the incumbent President's term.

The troops and vets will then march back to the Washington Monument in silence.

Following the march, there will be a concert with billed acts including Aimee Allen, Michale Graves of the Misfits, Jordan Page, Golden State and Rebel INC.

The event is being streamed live and recorded on the group's [UStream channel](#):

Veteran For Ron Paul founder members Nathan Cox and Adam Kokesh wrote on their Facebook page "It seems now, that we will at least have hundreds marching with us," the Facebook page reads. "Can you imagine if we had 1,000 in formation? How many will join us in demanding that Ron Paul be recognized as the choice of the troops?"

In addition to conducting an interview with the [Washington Times](#), Kokesh took to YouTube yesterday to give a final update on today's activities. Watch the video below:

Last week, Kokesh revealed that the [military has issued a warning to troops](#) encouraging them not to take part in today's events, citing DoD directives on participation in political events by active and non-active duty military.

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Leaked Email: Military Top Brass Warn Troops Off March For Ron Paul

"High importance" message distributed by Senior Navy official

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An email leaked by multiple active duty personnel shows that the military has issued a warning to troops encouraging them not to take part in the upcoming [Veterans for Ron Paul 2012 march](#) in Washington on Monday.

The email, posted to the group's facebook event page and sent to organiser Adam Kokesh by several unconfirmed sources, lays out several directives on participation in political events by active and non active duty military.

Referring to the event as a "partisan political march", the insinuation is clear – any active duty personnel, whether in uniform or not, and any

reservists marching in uniform or otherwise deemed to be endorsing Ron Paul, could be reprimanded.

The email, apparently sent by Joel A. Weger, Senior Attorney at the Office of the Assistant General Counsel (Ethics) in the Department of the Navy, was sent on high importance and warns recipients “You may wish to advise your command regarding this particular event because of the apparent solicitation of active duty personnel”.

The full email is below:

—Original Message—

From: Weger, Joel A CIV OGC, Ethics [mailto:joel.weger@NAVY.MIL]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 8:17

To: ETHICS@LISTSERV.LAW.NAVY.MIL

Subject: [ETHICS] Partisan Political March

Importance: High

It has come to our attention that a partisan political march targeting military personnel is being organized for February 20, 2012. See link below:

http://www.facebook.com/events/192677970828185/?ref=notif&notif_t=event_invite

As a reminder, active duty personnel are prohibited by DoD Directive 1344.10

paragraph 4.1.2.10 from marching in a partisan political parade regardless of whether they are in uniform or civilian clothes. Reservists not on active duty and retirees may not march in uniform pursuant to paragraph 4.1.4. Reservists not on active duty and retirees may march in civilian clothes provided that they do not otherwise act in a manner that could reasonably give rise to the inference or appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or endorsement.

The directive is a lawful general regulation. Violations of paragraphs 4.1. through 4.5. of the Directive by persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice are punishable under Article 92, "Failure to Obey Order or Regulation."

In addition, DODI 1334.01, paragraph 3.1.2 prohibits the wearing of the uniform by members of the armed forces (including retired members and members of reserve components) during or in connection with political activities.

You may wish to advise your command regarding this particular event because
of the apparent solicitation of active duty personnel.

Joel A. Weger
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Office of the Assistant General Counsel (Ethics)
703.614.XXXX

Adam Kokesh, co-founder of Veterans for Ron Paul 2012 and himself an Iraq war veteran, responded to the email by thanking the Navy for inadvertently promoting the event.

The directives cited in the email were recently highlighted when it was revealed that someone within the military had taken exception to Reserve Corporal Jesse Thorsen's endorsement of Ron Paul during the Congressman's post-Iowa caucuses rally.

After mysteriously being cut short during a CNN interview, Thorsen, who has served two tours in Afghanistan and was due to head back for a third, was invited on to the stage by Paul himself to address Paul's cheering supporters.

Thorsen, while not currently on active duty, duly [received threats of reprimand](#) for appearing in uniform with Paul.

As has been repeatedly noted, [Ron Paul is the presidential choice of the troops](#). Paul has received more campaign donations from active duty military personnel than any other presidential candidate, including Barack Obama.

To date, Paul has collected \$95,567 from individuals who listed their occupation as one of the branches of the US military or US Department of Defense.

Donor	Obama	Romney	Gingrich	Paul	Santorum
National Guard	\$1,262	\$0	\$0	\$4,068	\$0
US Air Force	\$9,785	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$23,736	\$0
US Army	\$15,600	\$3,500	\$250	\$24,503	\$250
US Coast Guard	\$6,002	\$0	\$0	\$3,716	\$0
US Dept of Defense	\$27,613	\$2,150	\$0	\$9,527	\$0
US Marine Corps	\$1,700	\$250	\$0	\$7,662	\$0
US Military	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$2,083	\$0
US Navy	\$10,454	\$3,000	\$250	\$20,272	\$500
TOTAL	\$72,616	\$13,300	\$4,900	\$95,567	\$750

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